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C. LABORATORY CERTIFICATION OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The DNR may impose certification and registration requirements if results of tests are required to be submitted to the DNR in a "covered program." A "covered program" is one of the following elements of specific regulatory programs:

1. A feasibility report, plan of operation or condition of any license is: for a solid or hazardous waste facility;
2. An application for a mining permit;
3. Monitoring required under a ch. 147, Stats., permit;
4. The replacement of a well or provision of alternative water supplies
5. Groundwater monitoring;
6. The management or enforcement of the safe drinking water program;
7. The terms of DNR contracts;
8. An investigation of a hazardous substance discharge; and
9. A regulatory program specified by the DNR by rule.

The DNR may require by rule that tests to be submitted to the DNR under a covered program must be conducted by a laboratory which is certified or authorized to conduct tests in a specific test category. The DNR may also require tests must be conducted by a certified laboratory in the event that requirements for registration do not meet the requirements of an applicable federal law.

The DNR may recognize the certification, registration, licensure or approval of a laboratory by a private organization, another state or a federal agency if the standards for certification, registration, licensure or approval comply with DNR laboratory certification and registration standards.

D. CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Laboratory certification procedures are provided for laboratories performing tests for hire in connection with a covered program. The DNR must establish by rule uniform minimum criteria to be used to evaluate laboratories certification. Specifically, the DNR establishes criteria for the following:

1. An accepted methodology for conducting tests in each test category;
2. Reference sample test accuracy;
3. Quality control program requirements; and
4. Time requirements for maintaining laboratory analysis records and quality control data.

The DNR is directed to issue an initial certification to a laboratory for a specific test category if the laboratory meets the standards and criteria imposed by the DNR.

Certification of laboratories is renewed annually and guidelines are provided for suspension and revocation of laboratory certification.